

# The Warning



**WARNING! DO NOT BE CROSSING RIVER WHEN BIRDS ARE FEEDING!**

said the sign on the bank of Big Pigeon River. But Kusumita was eager to get home, which lay another two miles away over the river and through the woods – and anyway, she didn't see any birds. The birds, however, saw Kusumita, and when she began to wade across, they rose from a nearby thicket where they had indeed been feeding. Circling high above her, they did what birds have for eons done at the conclusion of a hearty meal. Sorry, Kusumita, but, after all, you *were* warned!